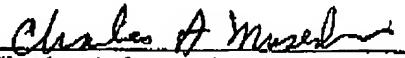


The member which cuts the tickets is a blade with a guillotine associated with a moveable press to maintain the strips against an antagonist table prior to the application of the blade on the strip for cutting of the ticket. Applicant's device is provided with means for memorizing a characteristic design of the tickets and means for recognizing the unwinding of the design to adjust the position of the strip to the correct position of cutting whereby the weakening line to be cut is strictly facing the member of cutting. Applicant's device has a means for recognizing a design made of a string of mark which is associated with a sensor for detecting the unwinding of these mark and means for comparing between the detected unwinding means and the previously memorized design.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the Roberts et al reference was cited in the corresponding French patent application. Applicant's device guarantees a correct cutting of the strip strictly along the weakening line to be cut even with a possible defect in the evenness of the strip. Therefore, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendment of the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the claims point out Applicant's patentable invention. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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